

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019

Members Present: Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Jennifer Abbatemarco, Shelly Maynes (representing Judy Dowd), Bill Halsey, Kathy Marchione, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Lois Rosenwald, Kari Sassu, Doriana Vicedomini

Others Present: Kathy Bruni, Amy Dumont

Members Absent: Jill Caron, Marcia Eckerd, Melissa Gagne, Ann Gionet, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Mickey Kramer, Jim Loomis, Aileen McKenna, Jimnahs Miller, Siobhan Morgan, John Pelegano, Carole Ryan-Hanlon

Call to Order: 10:04am

Welcome and Introduction by Yana Razumnaya and Bill Halsey

Public Comments:

Monica Hatton: Mother of son with autism

- Discussed "Reach Program"
- Preventative services social groups needed

Darlene Borre: Mother of 18 year-old son with autism

- Discussed need for vocational and day programs for individuals with ASD with behavioral challenged and severe needs
- Discussed getting the community involved
- West Hartford Unified Future
- UCONN program

Elizabeth Waszkiewkz: Parent of 11 year-old with autism

- Discussed gap in healthcare coverage
- Program for sexualized behaviors
- Husky B – ABA not covered
- Seeking support from Council for services for Husky B individuals
- Researched budgeted

Henry Martucchio:

- Discussed concerns regarding discrimination

- Disagrees with ABA services
- Segregation of the disabled
- Individuals should own their own businesses

Review and Approval of January 16, 2019 and March 20, 2019 meeting minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved

Nominating Committee Report:

ASD Waiver Update by Amy Dumont and Kathy Bruni:

- The Autism Lifespan Waiver was renewed beginning 1/1/2018 for 5 years
- 106 individuals currently being served and working towards 114 by end of 2019
- Waiver is expected to expand by 10 slots per year over the next 5 years
- 13 individuals placed onto the waiver in 2018
- 3 individuals came off the waiver in 2018
- 1502 individuals on the Waitlist as of 6/12/2019
- Average cost per individual: \$23,219
- 51 Providers enrolled
- Average caseload for the DSS Case Managers: 35

Feasibility Funding/Contacts Update

Sub-committee Reports

Other Business:

- Discussion of Statewide Retreat
- Bill requested suggestions for feedback from Council for retreat theme
- Bill will send email to Council providing expectations of sub-committees
- Bill will send emails to new Council Members

Adjournment: 11:46am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building
Room 2B